Graduate School of Science and Technology Keio University

September 2025 Enrollment

Application Guidebook for Ph.D. Programs (D7)



The Management of Personal Information at Keio University

At Keio University, personal information is managed safely and appropriately in compliance with the university's "Basic Policy Concerning Protection of Personal Information" and "Rules to Protect Personal Information."

Personal information provided when making an application, completing admissions procedures, and issuing notifications following graduation, including names, addresses, and other details, will be used at each department of Keio University for 1) processing applications for, and conducting of, entrance examinations, as well as announcements of final results; 2) admission procedures; 3) administration, correspondence, and procedures relating to academic affairs, including academic activities to which the student contributes; 4) administration, correspondence, and procedures relating to general student life; 5) administration, correspondence, and procedures relating to the use of university facilities and equipment; 6) communications for soliciting donations, notification regarding school bonds, and inviting recipients to join the Keio Iji-kai (Support Group) or apply for the Keio Card; 7) sending documents to students and guarantors and other communications; and 8) dispatching documents related to the Mita-kai (alumni association); and any other matters accompanying these tasks. Additionally, the data of personal information that has been statistically processed so that individuals cannot be identified will be used as survey and research material for the selection of entrants to the university.

Specific duties will be undertaken by contractors commissioned by Keio University (hereinafter "commissioned contractors") to perform the tasks outlined above. When outsourcing tasks, all or part of the personal information provided by applicants may be shared with commissioned contractors to the extent that it is necessary to carry out their duties. Keio University may also share personal information following graduation, within the extent that this is required for procedures and screenings, upon request from the Mita-kai (Alumni Associations), as part of its support for the Mita-kai's activities.

Exceptions may be made to share personal information with third parties in cases where there is a legal obligation to disclose information, or when it is deemed necessary to protect the life, physical wellbeing, property, or other rights and interests of the student or a third party and it is not possible to obtain the consent of the student in question. Keio University will not provide personal information to a third party in any circumstances other than those described above. You will hereby be deemed to be in agreement with the above matters, in undertaking all procedures. Please read and consider these factors thoroughly before consenting.

Special Measures for Applicants in Areas Hit by Large-scale Natural Disasters

For the purpose of reducing the financial burden on applicants who live in areas affected by large-scale natural disasters (areas designated by the Japanese Government as having experienced a "Disaster of Extreme Severity"), Keio University may take special measures based on the situation in the affected areas. For details and application materials, refer to the following information.

URL: https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/

*Special measures for graduate entrance exams are also listed at the URL above.

Tel: 03-5427-1566 (Domestic) +81-3-5427-1566 (International)

Security Export Controls at Keio University

To ensure that the content of education and research for international students does not interfere with the maintenance of international peace and security, Keio University maintains security export controls based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act. Under these controls, the university confirms in advance whether the permission of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry is required before exporting/transferring goods and technologies outside Japan, or before providing international students and researchers in Japan with access to those technologies. As a result, students may not be able to participate in academic or research activities as desired.

*For details on security export controls, please refer to the website of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/anpo/englishpage.html

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Access to the Yagami Campus

To the Applicants:

In the midst of rapidly changing times, the Graduate School of Science and Technology has established the three sub-schools of Fundamental Science and Technology, Integrated Design Engineering, and Science for Open and Environmental Systems in order to cultivate technological specialists who will shoulder the future of society. We have set up the following admissions policy.

Admissions policy

The Graduate School welcomes applications from a wide range of individuals with the ability to think and act for themselves, who seek to become creative scientists and engineers capable of playing leading roles in a range of fields on the global stage in the borderless world of the 21st century.

Applicants should have a particular interest in science and mathematics subjects that form the foundations of manufacturing (such as mathematics, physics, and chemistry). They should have a basic academic competency in these subjects, and be interested in acquiring the communication skills needed to be successful in the international arena. We particularly invite applications from:

- (1) Individuals who have a strong interest in science and technology.
- (2) Individuals who can think critically and are interested in discovering intriguing phenomena and solving problems.
- (3) Individuals who are interested in new things and seek the challenge of generating innovation.

Using the foundations learned in their undergraduate faculties, each of our students learn how to solve problems on their own in an organization which conducts trans-disciplinary education that traverses specialized fields in a flexible educational and research environment. In this graduate program, we encourage students to learn autonomously and to open up future paths and possibilities with their own two hands. We create a system which supports this. Moreover, we clarify a Ph.D. diploma policy in which students decide for themselves whether they have the academic achievements to merit completion. It is our hope that understanding this policy will allow students to finish their programs early, depending on their ability and efforts. For more on our diploma policy refer to the following link: https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/about/policy.html (only available in Japanese)

Furthermore, the door to our Ph.D. program is wide open. Students can enroll while being employed at companies or organizations. Please work out your own academic plan and learn in the graduate program while continuing to work in society. Detailed information is described in the handbook which introduced the Graduate School of Science and Technology "Emerging 2026" (https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/about/emerging.html), so read over it carefully, and apply for your desired major after understanding the purpose and organization of our school. We look forward to many applications.

Admission System

The entrance examination for the Ph.D. Program is held four times a year, in February, April, July and December. This guidebook explains about the entrance examinations held in February (D2) and July (D7). For the entrance examinations held in April and December, please refer to the "International Graduate Program (IGP)." The requirements differ between D7/D2 and IGP.

The D7 and D2 entrance examinations are in principle carried out by document screening, but some applicants may be required to take an oral examination. Students with a master's degree or equivalent academic capabilities are eligible to take either entrance examination. Current master's students who will be completing their master's degree before the enrollment period can also take either entrance examination. Students who take the July examination can choose either September or April enrollment. If students take the February examination, only the April enrollment is possible. Students can be enrolled in the Ph.D. Program while they are employed at companies or organizations. These applicants also need to apply for the same examinations.

Refer to the entrance examination flow chart and after grasping the general schedule, read instructions carefully and conduct the application procedures that apply to you.

If you wish to enroll in April 2026, please refer to the separate Application Guide for April 2026 Enrollment instead of this guide.

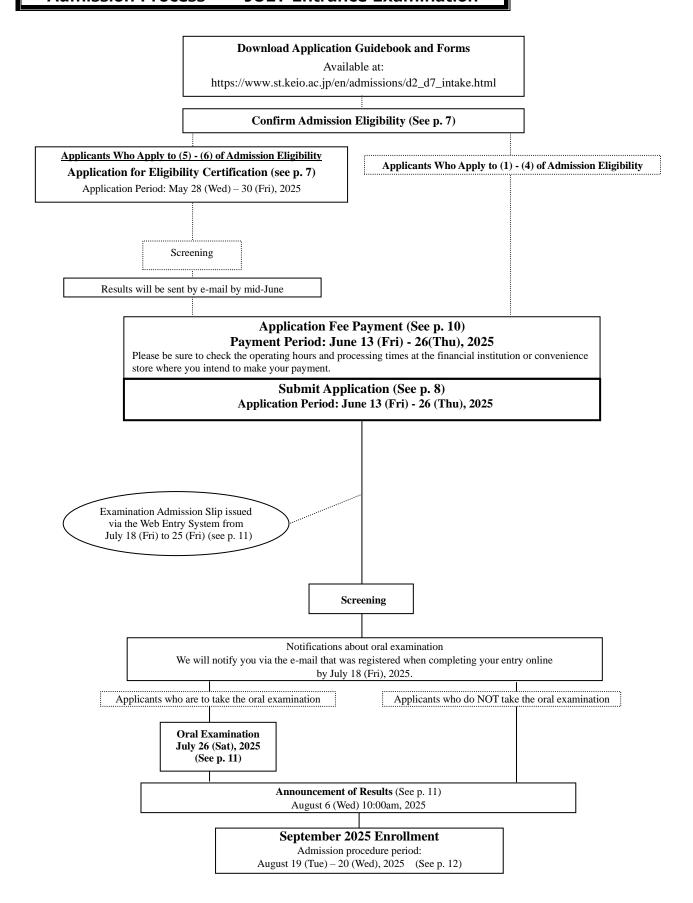
Major and Admission Quota

Ph.D. Program				
Major	Admission Quota			
School of Fundamental Science and Technology School of Integrated Design Engineering School of Science for Open and Environmental Systems	50 persons 50 persons 50 persons			

Contact Information

If there is anything you do not understand, feel free to contact the Admissions Office. Admissions Office of the Graduate School of Science and Technology: Graduate School of Science and Technology, Keio University 3-14-1 Hiyoshi, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa 223-8522 JAPAN Tel: +81-45-566-1800, E-mail: ao_st_inquiry@info.keio.ac.jp

Admission Process - JULY Entrance Examination



Admission Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy one of the following conditions:

- 1) Expect to receive a master's degree or professional degree by the time of admission to the Graduate School
- 2) Expect to be granted a degree corresponding to a master's degree or professional degree from a university outside Japan by the time of admission to the Graduate School
- 3) Possess a master's degree or professional degree
- 4) Possess a degree corresponding to a master's degree or professional degree outside Japan
- 5) Have been qualified by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (See Item 4, Article 156 of Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Act)
 - Those who have graduated from university and have engaged in research at universities or other institutions at least two years prior to the time of admission, and also are deemed by the Graduate School of Science and Technology to possess academic abilities equal or superior to those of master's degree holders.
- 6) Have been acknowledged by the Graduate School of Science and Technology to possess academic abilities equivalent to those of master's or professional degree holders, and reach at least the age of 24 upon enrollment. Note: To be qualified under 5) or 6), applicants must apply for Applicant Eligibility Certification during the specified period.

Require Special Consideration for Examinations or Enrollment

If you require special accommodations due to disabilities or illnesses for the entrance examination or enrollment at our university, please contact the Admissions Office (AO) *before submitting your application* and no later than May 30 (Fri) if you are applying for the July entrance examination. Instructions on the necessary procedures will be provided.

Application Guidebook and Forms

Application documents listed below can be downloaded at: https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/d2_d7_intake.html

- Application Guidebook for Ph.D. Programs in September 2025 Enrollment
- Application Forms:
 - 1) Application Form for Eligibility Certification
 - 2) CV for Eligibility Certification
 - 3) Application Documents Checklist
 - 4) Payment Slip for Application Fee
- Explanatory Notes for Web Entry

Application for Eligibility Certification

Applicants who fall under categories 5) or 6) of the admission eligibility criteria must apply for eligibility certification *before submitting their application for admission*. Please send the required documents to the email address below. No application fee is required for the eligibility certification process.

Application periods:

May 28 (Wed) - May 30 (Fri), 2025

Required Documents

- 1. Application Form for Eligibility Certification*
- 2. CV for Eligibility Certification*
- 3. Certificate of Graduation/Diploma of your last academic qualification
- 4. Personal Statement:

Please describe the reason that you think you possess abilities which are equivalent to those of master's degree holders, including your research history and achievements. If you have reference materials relevant to your achievements, please attach them to the statement.

* Prescribed forms are available at the website.

Note: We will inform the applicant of the examination results by e-mail within two weeks.

Submission Method

Please submit the required documents (PDF) as an attachment to an e-mail.

<Document submission E-mail> ao_st_inquiry@info.keio.ac.jp

After submitting your documents, please be sure to confirm the receipt of the acknowledgment e-mail

Notes on the Eligibility Certification Process

The certification process will proceed according to the following steps:

1. Submission of Application Documents

2. Document Review Begins

The submitted documents will be checked to ensure all required materials have been provided. If any information is unclear or incomplete, the applicant may be contacted and asked to revise or resubmit the documents.

3. Confirmation of Complete Documentation

Once it is confirmed that all required documents have been submitted, the process will proceed to the content review stage.

4. Content Review and Certification Decision

Based on the submitted documents, the eligibility for application will be carefully reviewed and a decision will be made.

Please note:

The "eligibility certification deadline" refers to the point at which Step 3 (confirmation of complete documentation) has been completed.

If documents are submitted just before the deadline, there may not be sufficient time to correct any deficiencies, and the application may be rejected without proceeding to Step 4.

We strongly recommend that you prepare and submit all documents well in advance of the deadline to ensure that your application can be fully reviewed.

Research Advisor

You must choose your prospective research advisor from the list of faculty members available at the following website:

https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/d2_d7_intake.htmll

Before submitting your application, it is necessary to contact the research advisor to discuss your research plan and receive instructions as to which research area you should apply to. To search for contact information of faculty members, please use the "Staff Search" function:

https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/en/tprofile/

Application

Submitting an Application

Please submit an application guided by the application system.

https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/d2_d7_intake.html

There is no need to send your application by mail; you can complete the application through the web system.

Notes

- Please check the list of required documents which applies to your admission eligibility.
- Complete the application through the application system by the application period deadline.
- Digital copies of certifying documents (diplomas, transcripts, etc.) submitted through the application system are acceptable. However, the original certificates must be presented during the admission procedure after acceptance. Please note that you must submit the original certificates by the application deadline or submit digital copies that differ in content from those presented at the time of application to be deemed to have not completed the admission procedures and will not be admitted.
- The Graduate School will contact you by the e-mail address you registered at the time of application. Please check your registered e-mail regularly.
- If you change your address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc., registered in the application system after submitting your application, please contact the AO as soon as possible. The University will not be held responsible for any failure to receive communications from the University due to changes in registered information.
- Incomplete or missing application documents may disqualify you from taking the examination. Please ensure all required documents are in order before submitting your application. Please ensure all the necessary documents are in order before submitting your application. If the AO contacts you, please follow the instructions immediately.
- Any falsification, misrepresentation, or plagiarism of documents, materials, or information submitted to the University at the time of application will be regarded as dishonesty and invalidate the entrance examination

- results. The documents, materials, etc. submitted, and the entrance examination fee will not be refunded in such cases.
- Documents must be written in Japanese or English. For certificates and other documents in languages other than Japanese or English, please upload a translation (in Japanese or English) that has been notarized and stamped by an embassy or a notary public authorized in your country to the application system.
- Some countries/regions (e.g., China) do not provide translation notarization at their embassies in Japan. In such cases, your documents must be translated and notarized in your home country, so please arrange your documents well in advance.

Required Documents for Application

Documents for Submission	Remarks				
Application Documents Checklist	Download the form from the website.				
Application Form	 Enter the required items via the Web Entry System. If you paid the application fee at a financial institution, please upload a copy of the "Certificate of Receipt of Bank Transfer (Application Fee)." If you paid the entrance examination fee at a convenience store, please upload a copy of the "Certificate of Receipt of Remittance (Entrance Examination Fee)." 				
B CV	 Enter the required items via the Web Entry System. Please complete your entry online. There is a section for uploading data for a portrait photo. Please upload a photo taken within three months of the deadline for submission of application documents. Photos should be taken without headwear, from the front, and of the upper part of the body against a clear background and in color. The file size should be between 100 KB and 5 MB. The uploaded portrait photo will be checked to ensure that it is of the applicant. 				
Personal Information	Enter the required items via the Web Entry System.				
Official Academic Transcripts from Undergraduate and Master's Program	 Applicants who have graduated from more than one university and/or graduate school must submit academic transcripts from each school. Please combine the PDF data for the undergraduate and graduate schools and upload them as a single file. Applicants who have enrolled in more than one university must submit academic transcripts from each university. Documents must be written in English or Japanese. Documents written in other languages must be accompanied by English or Japanese translations certified by the institution issuing the original documents. 				
Certificate of (Expected) Completion of Master's Program	Applicants who are currently enrolled in Keio University Graduate School of Science and Technology do not have to submit this certificate. - Applicants who have completed/expect to complete more than one graduate school must submit certificates from each graduate school. - Documents must be written in English or Japanese. Documents written in other languages must be accompanied by English or Japanese translations certified by the institution issuing the original documents. Those who have graduated from universities in mainland China must also submit an Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate(教育部学歷証書電子注冊備案表). Register on the Chinese Ministry of Education website and obtain a report(教育部学歷証書電子注冊備案表) in a PDF file and fill it out.				
Master's Thesis or Equivalent Work	Applicants who are currently enrolled in Keio University Graduate School of Science and Technology do not have to submit this document. - Submit one copy (photocopy acceptable) of your master's thesis or equivalent work. Please also attach reference materials relevant to your performance (copies of original papers, etc.), if any.				

Letter of Authorization for Enrollment	If you wish to complete a working doctorate - Persons who are in employment at time of application: Submit a written consent form (affiliated organization) from the head of the organization to which you belong. (Statement indicating that applicant is authorized to join a doctoral program while remaining in employment. Seals of approval may be those of direct superiors at the organization. A4 size; free format.) - Persons who are not in employment at the time of application: In principle, please have the organization where you plan to take up employment issue a form equivalent to the above written consent form and submit this.
List of Accomplishments	Those who have an occupation at the time of application should submit a document (free format, A4 size) which describes your research projects and accomplishments at work.

- Note 1: Applicants requiring special assistance when taking examinations due to physical disabilities should submit a written document (any format) to the Admissions Office via e-mail.
- Note 2: Please contact the Admissions Office (AO) at ao_st_inquiry@info.keio.ac.jp before submitting your application if you require a new visa upon admission to Keio. There's a possibility that your new visa wouldn't be approved in time.

Paying the Application Fee

Application Fee: 35,000 yen

- Note 1: No application fee is required for Applicant Eligibility Certification.
- Note 2: The application fee will not be refunded. However, a refund may be considered under special circumstances, such as when:
 - 1. An applicant paid the application fee but did not file an application (that is, application documents were not sent, or the application was incomplete [or missing required documents])
 - 2. The application fee was mistakenly paid twice.

Those who apply to 1 or 2 should contact the Admissions Office within one month of the application date.

Method of Payment

[Domestic Applications]

You can choose your preferred method of payment from those outlined below.

Payments can be made starting the day that application web entry begins.

- 1. Payment from a bank or other financial institution (Payments made from Yucho Bank or via ATM are not accepted.)
- 2. Payment from a convenience store (Support only available in Japanese)
- 1. Payment from a bank or other financial institution:

Please download the payment slip from the website and pay the application fee via wire transfer at a bank or other financial institution. Payment cannot be made from Yucho Bank or via ATM. Have the bank issue you a receipt and certificate of remittance after you complete your payment and upload a copy of the "Certificate of Receipt of Bank Transfer (Application Fee)".

2. Payment from a convenience store

Payment from a convenience store can only be conducted in Japanese. For details, please refer to pages 8-9 in the Japanese version of this Application Guidebook, which is downloadable from the following URL: https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/admissions/rikou-d.html

[Overseas Applications]

The fee should be paid by International Postal Money Order or by overseas transfer in Japanese currency. Contact the Admissions Office (ao st inquiry@info.keio.ac.jp) for payment instructions.

Examination Admission Slip

After completing the application procedures, you can print the examination admission slip from the application system on the designated date. Please keep the examination admission slip in PDF format, as you will need it until the time of admission procedures. On the day of the oral examination, you must bring the examination admission slip printed on A4 size paper.

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Graduate School is, in principle, carried out by document screening. However, applicants may be required to take an oral examination. Whether the oral examination is given or not will be communicated to the applicants by e-mail by the date specified (please see p. 6).

Oral Examination

The oral examination is to test knowledge of the applicant's research areas of specialization and research intent during the Ph.D. program.

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Date and Time	Place
July 26 (Sat), 2025, 9:00 am (Examination will start from 9:30 am -)	Yagami Campus, Keio University Rooms for the examination will be announced on the bulletin board on the examination day.

Notes:

- 1) Applicants who arrive later than the appointed time are considered to be absent and will not be allowed to take the examination.
- 2) Be sure to bring your Examination Admission Slip.
- 3) There are cases applicants may be required to bring some materials for the examination. In that case, details will be provided with the oral examination notification.
- 4) Depending on the desired field of study, responses may also be required in writing.
- 5) After the designated assembly time, the use of electronic devices such as mobile phones or PCs is not permitted at the assembly point, waiting area, or oral examination venue. Please power off and stow away your devices in your bag.

Announcement of Results

The results will be confirmed via the Web Entry System.

Inquiries regarding the screening results and examinee numbers will not be accepted.

Certificate of Acceptance

Those who need a certificate of acceptance for purposes such as a scholarship application should contact Academic Services:

(Tel: +81-45-566-1463 E-mail: kym-yagami@adst.keio.ac.jp).

Documents for Admission Procedure

Information will be sent to the email address you registered in mid-August 2025.

Admission Procedure

Guidance will be emailed to successful applicants in mid-August 2025.

Check the website for details. No postal documents will be sent.

https://www.guide.52school.com/guidance/enrollment-keio-g/

Procedural Period and Method

The admission procedure is completed by completing the following three procedures. If you have not completed all or only a part of the necessary procedures for admission within the specified period, you will be deemed to have abandoned your intention to enroll and will be disqualified from enrollment, regardless of the circumstances. Please pay close attention to the deadlines.

- Transfer of fees required to enter the school
- Fill out the required information.
- Submission of documents (by mail)
- Enrollment Procedure Period (*Only in Japan, postmarked by the last day of the procedural period)

Enrollment Period	Enrollment Procedures Period				
September 2025 Enrollment	August 19 (Tue) - 20 (Wed), 2025				

Required Documents

1) Certificate of Remittance of tuition and fees (See details below)

<Money Transfer from Within Japan>

Please remit the stipulated amount at a financial institution by using the payment slip provided.

<Money Transfer from Outside Japan>

The fee is payable by bank transfer. Please follow the payment instruction provided by the document for admission procedure.

2) Certificate of Residence

Foreign nationals must submit:

- A copy of both sides of their Residence Card
- A copy of their passport (photo and passport number page only)
- 3) Certificate of Graduation (Completion) and Academic transcript

Applicants who had not yet completed their undergraduate or master's degree at the time of application must submit a Certificate of Graduation/Completion and final Academic Transcript.

This is not required for applicants from the Keio University Graduate School of Science and Technology or those who already submitted these documents during the application process.

4) Other documents required

Academic Fees

◆ The academic fees required upon admission in <u>2025</u> are listed below.

	April 2025 Entrance (April 2025 to March 2026)	September 2025 Entrance (September 2025 to March 2026)
Registration Fee	70,000 yen	35,000 yen
Tuition Fee	710,000 yen	355,000 yen
Student Health Insurance Union Fee *1	2,600 yen	1,350 yen
Total	782,600 yen	391,350 yen
(Payment by semester*2)	(391,350 yen)	

^{*}Note 1: The Student Health Insurance Union Fee includes an initial registration fee of 100 yen, which is collected only in the student's first year.

- *Note 2: Fees excluding the Student Health Insurance Union Registration Fee (100 yen) can be paid in two installments in the Spring and Fall Semesters. (The payment deadline for Fall Semester is October 31.)
- *Note 3: Please note that students pay the registration fee and tuition fee, which are subject to change from year to year based on a sliding scale. In the case that an increase in fees is to be applied, the rate of increase will be based on a slide rate (such as the increase rate of the salary of national government employees as announced in the National Personnel Authority's annual salary).

Fees Refund

If you decline an offer of admission, please submit the Admission Withdrawal Form. In general, paid fees and expenses are not refunded. For those who decline an admission offer by the specified date, all fees will be refunded. Please see the admission procedure documents for details.

Scholarships

For details, please see Keio University International Center scholarship information: https://www.st.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/scholarships.html

School Bonds and Education Promotion Funds

- A) Keio University Bonds (school bonds)
 - 100,000 Yen per unit (your cooperation in donating three or more units would be appreciated)
 - Amounts paid to the school bonds will be returned without interest after graduation or course completion, withdrawal of school.
- B) Keio University Education Promotion Funds (donations)
 - 30,000 Yen per unit (your cooperation in donating two or more units would be appreciated)

While both are optional, many choose to cooperate as both are used to further enhance Keio University's educational activities. Keio University will send detailed information upon admission.

Past Examination Records

Number of applications to the Ph.D. program

Year	2021		2022		2023		2024	
Major	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted	Applied	Accepted
Fundamental Science and Technology	22	22	29	29	35	35	32	32
Integrated Design Engineering	22	21	24	20	29	27	41	41
Science for Open and Environmental Systems	25	24	29	29	35	35	39	39
Total	69	67	82	78	99	97	112	112

Measures Undertaken to Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease

Applicants who were exposed to infectious disease specified by School Health and Safety Act and not yet cured of such disease by the day of examination must refrain from taking examinations in order to prevent the spread of disease. Exceptions may be made for applicants who have been infected but are diagnosed by a doctor or a school doctor that their condition has improved and their presence does not place others at risk of exposure to infection. In principle, the graduate school does not reschedule examinations and/or refund screening fees in the event applicants are unable to sit for examination due to such causes.

Links

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